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GENCY ... NTGOMERY BLOCK, ... ND LIFE Companies ... WEST. ... 0 $141,750,000 ... ESTATE ... NESS.

LUTION ... PUMPS. ... BARTLETT'S ... PURIFYING, ... R BUCKET ... PUMP, ... MURRAY. ... e's Sale. ... 9th day of January, ... 1878, ... L. HAMMER, Trustee.

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HAVE IN STOCK A LARGE LOT OF CHILDREN AND BOYS'

Cloth and Fine Beaver Overcoats,

Which they will Sell at Less than Cost.

COME AND SEE THEM. THEY ARE JUST THE THING FOR A

CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

JUST RECEIVED

AN IMMENSE INVOICE OF

Neckties, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

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WHITE SHIRTS AT VERY LOW PRICES,

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OUR MERCHANT

TAILORING DEPARTMENT!

Is running as usual, and Suits of all kinds are made to order on short notice, and

FITS WARRANTED.

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THE

"GLOBE" SHOE STORE

Is always Up to the Times.

SECOND SHOE STORE WEST OF POST OFFICE.

Has now in and ready for inspection the Finest and Most Select Stock of

Boots and Shoes

Ever brought to this city. Don't fail to call and examine goods before purchasing elsewhere.

HOW IS THIS FOR PRICES:

Men's Patney Kip Boots	$2 00	Women's Calf Pegged	$1 40
" " "	2 50	" Sewed	2 00
" Lafayette Kip Boots	3 50	" Grain	1 00
" French Kip Boots	4 25	" Goat Side lace	1 50
Boys' Boots	$1 50 to 2 50	" Goat Polish	1 15
Youths' Boots	1 25 to 2 00	Misses' Shoes	$1 00 to 1 25
		Children's Shoes	25 to 1 00

Don't Forgot the Place—Second Shoe Store west of Post Office.

Nov 1 d2m **C. M. RIDDLE.**

Great Closing-Out Sale

—OF—

JEWELRY

The Finest and Most Select Stock in the city, which will be Sold at

ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.

THESE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT for Cash, hence I can sell them at least 50 PER CENT. CHEAPER than ever offered before. I would call your attention to prices on a few staple articles, all other Goods in proportion:

Solid Gold Rings, from $1 to $2.
Fine Rolled Plate Chains, from $2 to $3.
Gold Studs, $1 and upward.
Ladies' Solid Gold Sets, $3 and upward.
Genuine Elgin, Waltham and Springfield Watches, $13 to $15.
Fine Solid Cases at Great Bargains
Clocks, from $1 and upward.

Also, a Full Line of

Silver and Silver Plated Ware.

Musical Instruments Less than Cost.

Call and be convinced.

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Dec. 7, 1877- d&w1mo

THE ACID CURE — A C E T O P A T H Y

Rheumatism, Catarrh, Neuralgia, Chills, Fever, Congestion, & every kind of Spinal Complaint, must succumb. Thousands have already testified to it in England and America. Send 50 for pamphlet postpaid to GEO. W. SHARP, 8 McCormick Block, Chicago. Agents wanted.

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LOST OR STOLEN!

Last Saturday or Sunday, December 16th and 17th, a pocket-book, in which, among other things, were the following notes:

One for one hundred dollars, made in October, 1870, by Theodore Stein, due in six months at 10 per cent., credited by $10 interest.
One for three hundred dollars, made October, 1875, by Wm. Evans, due in 12 months at, 10 per cent., credited by 2 years' interest.
One for two hundred dollars, made February, 1876, by Henry Fairing, due in 12 months at 10 per cent., 1 years' interest paid.
One for one hundred and sixty-five dollars, made March 6th, 1877, by August Myer, due 1 year at ten per cent.
One for one hundred and sixty dollars, made August, 1877, by Wilhelm Haring, due in 18 months at 10 per cent
One for fifty dollars, made February, 1877, by Ben Austin, 6 months at 10 per cent.
One for two hundred dollars, made September, 1877, by R. D. Huddlestone, 18 months at ten per cent.
One for three hundred dollars, made November 21, by Silas Moore, 1 day after date at 10 per cent.
One for one hundred dollars, made February or March, 1876, by Henry Fairing to R. H. Hill, by him endorsed to me, 12 months at 10 per cent.
And some notes made by Frank Moyer. All except those assigned to R. H. Hill are payable to me.

$25 REWARD

will be paid for their return to me at my residence in Macon township; or if they are left with Cren & Ewing, of Decatur.

All persons are warned against buying said notes. HERMAN J. MYERS.

Dec. 19 -dtf

NEW MEAT MARKET

ADAM KREHER,

Would respectfully inform the citizens of Decatur, that he has opened a new Meat Market on the southeast

Corner of Morgan and Cerro Gordo Sts.,

Opposite Haworth's Check Rower Manufactory, where he will always have on hand a full line of Fresh Meats, Sausage, Puddings, etc.— He invites a call, assuring the public that his meats are first quality, and prices lower than any other market in the city. FOR CASH.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 10, 1877-d1m.

Book-keepers, Reporters, Operators, School Teachers

Penmen

Fitted at Great Mercantile College, Keokuk, Iowa

WHITE DRESSES THE RAGE.

Scarcely anything will be more popular than white evening dresses during the present season. They are to be trimmed with bunches of drooping flowers and fruit, forming fringes. Each fruit will be accompanied by the flowers or blossoms of its tree before it became fruit. The idea is pretty, but the reality is ugly. These garlands of oranges, pears, apples, currants, strawberries, etc., are much too heavy for gauze and tulle dresses. For demi-toilets high polonaises, or coats of white muslin, are worn over white silk dresses. This polonaise or coat must not be as long as the under-dress. The under corsage is cut low-necked, the coat is high at the back and open in front to the waist like any ordinary coat, tight sleeves to the elbow, where a boquet of flowers now invariably accompanies an elbow sleeve for evening wear. Other white dresses are of silk, satin, poplin, and Indian cashmere. White Indian cashmere costumes are ideal in beauty, richness, and elegant simplicity. With such a dress, well made, one may go into any society. It is equally adapted to low or high-necked dresses, and may be born with full blouse or a tight fourreau. It requires no trimming, though it does not refuse trimming. Oriental trimmings are the best adapted to it when trimmings are used. But it looks equally rich untrimmed. New embroidered laces are a feature of this winter's decorative wear, and form a very beautiful garniture, entirely novel as well as artistic.

A new and beautiful trimming consists of blackbird's wings threaded with gold. If you cannot obtain real birds' wings they can be imitated in black velvet. These are employed instead of passementerie birds.—*New York Herald.*

ROMANTIC STOVES.

He wore sheepskin mittens, had his trousers in his boots, and he covered his horses with old pieces of rag carpet, and entered a hardware store and asked to look at a sheet iron stove. He was shown several patterns, one after another, but none seemed exactly to suit his ideas. "I have shown you every style of parlor stove on sale by any house in Detroit," said the dealer as they stood before the last one. "Yes, s'pose so, but none o' them quite fills the bill," was the dubious answer. "Why not? Aren't they big enough, tall enough, handsome enough, or what is the troubleb" "Waal, I'll tell you?" slowly replied the would-be customer. "The ole woman, she takes a story paper, and her head is chuck full of such name as Evangeline, Emilena, Maud, Arabella, and Riverbell. The gals they read Shakespeare, and they are all the time talking about Hamlet, Claudius, Petruchio, Romeo, and so on. I'm kinder postin' up on astronomy myself, and I'm all the time thinkin' about Venus, Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter. Now, you haven't got a stove in the lot with a more romantic name than 'Ajax,' and just imagine folks like us sittin' around a stove with a plug name like that!" He thought he'd look farther, and as he unhitched his team he called out: "Whoa, now, Lady Estella; stand around there, Othello!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

Physicians have long prescribed Dr. Graves' HEART REGULATOR as a relief and cure for Heart Disease, for the simple reason that they have seen its favorable workings in all the many forms of disease the Heart is liable to, and it can truly be recommended as a scientific remedy for that dreaded of all diseases, whose subtle workings are not usually seen until the patient is beyond ordinary help. Among the many forms of Heart Disease are Palpitation, Enlargement, Spasms of the Heart, Stoppage of the Action of the Heart, Trembling all over and about the Heart, Ossification or Bony formation of the Heart, Rheumatism, General Debility and Sinking of the Spirits. We can pronounce Dr. Graves' HEART REGULATOR a *certain* remedy, and advise you to use it. Send your name to F. E. INGALLS, Concord, N. H., for a circular containing a list of testimonials, of cures, &c.

For sale by druggists at 50 cents and $1 per bottle.

Dec. 26—d&w2w

Safe—Speedy—Sure.

The rapidity and certainty with which Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound cures diseases of the respiratory Organs and its reliability as a remedy for consumption long ago secured for it a foremost rank among medicines of its class. It is in fact THE recognized specific for throat and bronchial diseases. It promptly checks a cough, no matter of how long standing, and affords great relief in cases of asthma. It should not be mistaken for a mere paliative, since it not only affords immediate relief, but also removes all traces of the malady. It is a specific for croup. Trial size 10 cts; large sizes, 50 cents and One Dollar. Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

Also Agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take, and requires no physic. Price 25 cents. Dec7-d1m

The Superiority of the "Hersome Gaiter" over all other shoes of similar fastenings, has induced irresponsible parties to copy the name and style as near as possible, in order to sell their common or inferior goods. Remember the name, "Hersome Gaiter," is stamped on the lining of every pair, and sold only by BARBER & BAKER. All others are mere imitations and frauds.

Dec. 13-dtf

Kid Gloves, Gauntlets and Gloves, *very cheap*, at M. GOLDBURG'S.

Dec. 14—d&wtf

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

NO MISREPRESENTATION.

ONE PRICE ONLY.

THE

POOR MAN'S FRIEND,

THE BATTLE IS OVER,

And the Wounded Little Middleman is Groaning in Decatur.

CHEAP CHARLEY IS VICTORIOUS

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE WICKED CONTINUES,

AND THE PEOPLE HAVE AT LAST ACHIEVED THEIR RIGHTS.

THEY CAN BUY

CLOTHING,

Of "Cheap Charley" at 25 per cent. below any regular list prices. The reason you can buy of "Cheap Charley" at such low figures, is because he Manufactures and;

SELLS ONLY CLOTHING OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE.

Therefore, it is impossible for a

Little Middleman to Compete with Him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and sells goods of his own manufacture at lower prices than all others, and the people will flock to his store and buy of him, of course the middlemen will "squeal;" but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

'Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods are lower than ever. One price only.

IF GOODS NOT AS REPRESENTED, THE MONEY WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

Corner East Main and Water Streets, Decatur, Ills.
Corner Main and Water Sts., Decorah, Iowa.

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Kaufman & Bachrach.

Dec. 1, 1877 d&wtf

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The Perfection of

HARD COAL BASE BURNERS!

—Viz: The—

CROWN JEWEL.

—Also the—

GOOD RECORD.

Which is an Excellent Stove and at

Very Low Prices

For Soft Coal call and see the

CROWN DIAMOND,

Revolution and Rotary

Also a full assortment of all kinds of

COAL and WOOD STOVES.

—A Full Line of—

HARDWARE, TINWARE, ETC., ETC.,

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED

R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Oct11'77-d&wtf

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF ONE EXECUTION ON transcript of judgment to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of O. F. Parker and against Frederick Aholtz, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot seven (7), in block three (3), in Packard's Addition to the city of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as property of the said Frederick Aholtz, which I shall offer at public sale at the west door of the Court House in Decatur, in Macon county, in said State, on the 12th day of January, A.D. 1878, at 2 o'clock, p. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution. M. FORSTMEYER, Sheriff Macon county, Illinois.

This 18th day of December, A. D. 1877.

Dec. 18—d3w

Christmas Gifts!

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A PRESENT, come and see our stock of,

LADIES' FURS!

Beautiful Alaska Sets, Only $4.00.

ALL OTHER KINDS IN PROPORTION

Nice Sets for Children at $1.00.

Also, an Immense Stock of

Ladies' Trimmed Hats

All of which will be Sold at a Great Reduction.

OLD FURS CLEANED,

ALTERED and MADE to LOOK LIKE NEW

—AT—

CLERK'S,

No. 24 Merchant Street

SIGN OF BEAR.

Nov. 27, 1877—d6w

LOT FOR SALE.

LOT 7, Block 2, Wait & Co's Addition to Decatur. Lot fronts 40 feet on Mason street and runs through to the Wabash Railroad. It will be sold cheap for cash. Inquire of BENJ. DILL.

Oct5d0m*

NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the County Clerk's office until the 10th day of January, 1878, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of employing a Steward for the County Poor Farm for the year commencing March 1st, 1878.

Dec. 21—d&wtd D. W. BRENNEMAN, J. N. HOYT, JOHN LONGSTREET, HIRAM WARD, WILLIAM GRASON, Committee.

W. W. R. SMITH,

—AGENT—

Kansas Pacific Railway Lands.

SEMI-MONTHLY EXCURSIONS

TO KANSAS AND COLORADO.

Farms on six and seven years' credit. Send your address and receive in return the "Kansas Pacific Homestead." Office over Armstrong's Drug Store, Decatur, Illinois.

Jun8-d&wtf

NOTICE.

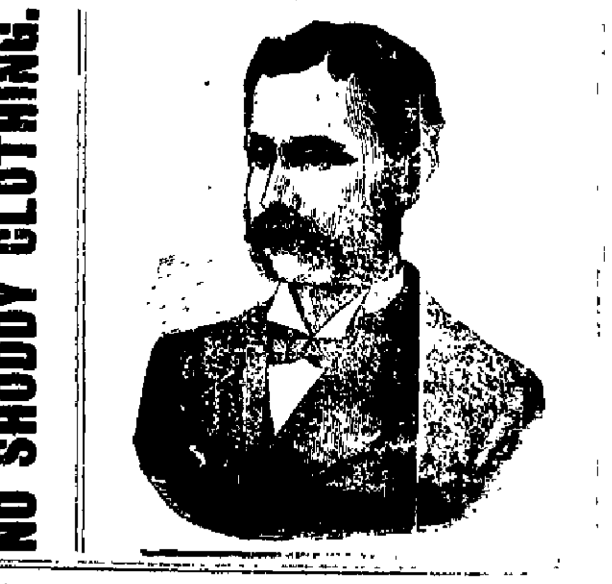
ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to Rucker, Hammer & Co., bankrupts, are hereby requested to call at the store of Roach & McReynolds and pay the same without delay.

B. O. McREYNOLDS, Assignee.

Dec. 28, 1877—d10d

The Poor Man's Friend Outgeneraled

NO SHODDY CLOTHING.



SQUARE DEALING

B. STINE,

"THE BOSS CLOTHIER,"

HAS AND CONTINUES TO TURN THE VICTORY CLAIMED BY THE "POOR MAN'S FRIEND," INTO A DISASTROUS DEFEAT.

His Army of Customers weaken the center of the struggling forces of the "Poor Man's Friend," and the remaining squad of Charles the III., is taking refuge at B. STINE'S Clothing Store. The defeat accomplished without bloodshed.

A Superior Class of Clothing, at Lower Prices than Any Man who Claims to Manufacture His Own, is taking the Field.

THE SO-CALLED "LITTLE MIDDLEMAN" IS THE ENVY OF THE "END-MAN."

OUR OVERCOATS.

The $4.50 Chinchilla Overcoat.
The $6.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.
The $8.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.
The $10.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.
The $12.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.
The Boss Chinchilla Overcoat.
An Immense Stock of Beaver Overcoats.

Our Business Suits.

Our $6.00 Cassimere Suit.
Our Great $10.00 All-Wool Cassimere Suit.
500 Fine All-Wool Cassimere Pants at $3.50.
The Best Working Pants in America at $1.25.

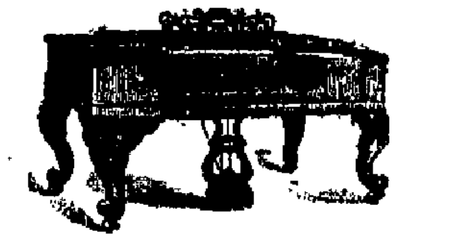
COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

B. Stine, 'the Boss Clothier,'

Central Block, Old Square, Decatur, Ills.

Dec. 13, '77-dtojan1

BUY THE BEST!



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Two Medals of Honor and Two Diplomas of Merit, at the International Exhibition 1876, for the "Highest Degree of Excellence in all their Styles." Warranted for any length of time.

ALSO, THE FAMOUS AND FAVORITE

"GEORGE STECK" PIANO,

A First-Class Instrument, at a moderate price, fully warranted for five years. Other makes from $200 upward. Terms easy. The

"MASON & HAMLIN" ORGANS!

Have not only been AWARDED THE MEDAL AND DIPLOMA OF HONOR, but have been unanimously assigned by the *judges the first rank in the several requisites of such instruments*, being the only Organs assigned this rank.

PELOUBET, PELTON & CO.'S STANDARD ORGANS

Noted for Superior Excellence in Tone, Design and Finish, and Economy in Cost. A New and Superior Percussion Stop, the

"CAMPANELLA."

Second-Hand Instruments Taken in Exchange for New Ones.

A Complete Assortment of SMALL INSTRUMENTS, STRINGS, SHEET MUSIC, &c., always on hand at

J. GOLDSTEIN'S

Music Store, Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

Dec. 10 d&wtf

The Singer Sewing Machines $35 and up.

The New White Sewing Machines $35 and up.

Second-hand Sewing Machines (all kinds) $5.00 and up.

Tuckers, Ruffles, Corders, Binders, Quilters, Hemmers, Embroiders, and general supplies for all machines. GENUINE NEEDLES, PURE SPERM OIL, BOX PLAITERS, &c., &c.

Particular attention given to Repairing all kinds of Sewing Machines, at the Singer Office

GEO. P. BLUME

Dec. 24, 1877 d&wtf No. 26 Merchant Street.

P. T. Locke is selling the Chickering, Haines and Decker Pianos, and the Estey and Packard Organs.

Nov. 10-dtf

For Rent.—A dwelling house, No. 17 West Cerro Gordo street, 1½ story frame, in good repair. Inquire of O. B. GORIN

Dec 15—d2w

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31, 1877.

THE old Philadelphia *North American* "figures" the political situation in this way: "The president having called universal attention to what he was going to do, set out upon what ought to have been a straight road through the woods. Instead of taking that road he has wandered aimlessly along trying every by-path, until nothing is left for his followers to do but to stop, build a camp, and wait for daylight, before they follow further such 'Will o' the Wisp' leadership."

GENERAL EWING says ten of the Democrats in the Senate will vote against the resumption repeal bill and the others for it. He counts twelve Republican Senators for the bill, and five more who have not said they would vote against. The repeal bill, he feels sure, will receive thirty-eight votes in the Senate. He believes that if the President vetoes the silver bill both houses will pass it over his veto.

THE report of the Director of the United States Mints shows that during the last fiscal year the mints received and operated upon $97,811,837 of gold and silver bullion. The out turn from these deposits consisted of $11,078,199 in gold coins, $9,162,000 in trade dollars, $10,387,035 in fractional silver coins, and $62,165 in minor coinage. The mints also prepared $7,163,191 in gold, and $9,565,978 in silver bars. The work of the last year was the largest in the history of the mints. The mints earned during the fiscal year of 1877 $3,549,617, and expended $1,752,923; net earnings, $1,796,694.

SENATOR CONKLING, when at college, was so reserved and quiet that his fellows frequently teased and annoyed him. He was then a tall and slender youth and not strong; so he quietly procured a teacher in the art of self-defense, and soon became an expert boxer. After a few emphatic interviews with aggressive students they concluded to let him alone, and he finished his college course with no more molestation.

THE NEW YEAR.

The Wonderful Possibilities for American Womanhood.

The new year comes freighted with wonderful possibilities for American womanhood. Not only with possibilities, but with responsibilities so sacred that we involuntarily put our hands to stay the opening gate. During the ages past, women have listened in a kind of pleasant bewilderment to the eloquent "Commencement" orators when they have talked of woman's influence, but to-day the power and responsibility is so tangible that we recognize the truth.

On the first day of the glad new year we witness the social apotheosis of woman. Men for a time forsake even business. The goddess of hospitality is enthroned. And fully appreciating the assertion of a young friend, that she "enjoyed nothing so much as New Year's Day and pickled olives." I yet tremble in view of the influences sometimes set afloat.

And now, with an earnest, intense 'Happy New Year,' dear friends, with an unuttered longing for your happiness and usefulness, if, at this moment, some good fairy would confront me and tell me to speak one wish, and it should be granted, I would ask for power to discover to our beautiful girls and women the ruin often wrought in the sacred name of hospitality on New Year's Day.

In imagination, I see beautiful women, bewitchingly dressed and adorned, winning and wooing some easily tempted ones to the destruction of drunkenness. Women, too, who would have no sympathy, no excuse, for the drunkard. God forgive the women who have pledged heart ache and sorrow to wife and mother as they have pledged in wine "A happy New Year" to somebody's darling.

Many women claim that a man of sense will know when he has taken enough. May I remind you that on New-Year's Day we intoxicate men's senses. Everything is changed, seductive and artificial. Every thing that beauty, art, wit and music can effect is devised to charm the senses. And to the intoxicating perfume of rare flowers and all beautiful accessories, woman's influence over man, and then be not surprised that in such an atmosphere moral courage is undermined, and wine in the hands of a charming girl a temptation beguiling to a hero.

But the new year opens suspiciously in this direction. A moral sentiment has been forged in the white heat of the temperance work of the past year, which renders the presence of liquor in the home almost a crime, and certainly causes those who dispense it to lose caste.

The manacles are loosening from woman's hands, and, with one hand free, she writes in clear, white letters. We propose to place a premium upon manly virtue by demanding as pure a code of morals for men as we do for woman.

For Rent.—A dwelling house, No. 17 West Cerro Gordo street, 1½ story frame, in good repair. Inquire of

Dec 15—d2w O. B. GOBIN

SENATOR OGLESBY ON FINANCE.

He Comes Out Flat-Footed for the Silver Bill, and Advocates Greenbacks for Currency.

The Citizens' meeting called at the court house for Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the finances of the country and discussing the money question, was quite largely attended.—Hon. A. B. Bunn called the meeting to order, and nominated Mr. J. G. Harnsbarger, of Whitmore, as chairman, who was unanimously elected, when Mr. Harnsbarger declined the honor, and J. H. Pickrell, Esq., of Harristown, was nominated and elected. Upon taking the chair, Mr. Pickrell thanked the meeting for the honor conferred upon him, and offered a few pertinent remarks. I. D. Walker was then nominated and confirmed secretary. On motion of Hon. S. S. Jack, a committee of five on resolutions was appointed by the chair, consisting of the following gentlemen: Hon. S. S. Jack, Real Spencer, Joshua Green, H. B. Durfee and Col. P. W. Taylor. At the request of the chairman, Mr. Jack, the committee retired for consultation.

Senator Oglesby was then introduced and spoke with his usual freedom and force, discussing for nearly two hours the finances of the country, dwelling particularly upon the money question. He commenced by referring to the general depression in the feelings of the American people and of the general desire on their part to discover some means by which their condition might be improved financially. He said there seemed to be a feeling, induced he thought by the stringency of the times and the general prostration of the industries of the country, that something was wrong and a suppressed fear that we, as a people, are on the eve of some terrible disaster. The American people, said the senator, are a liberty-loving people and we have made a great fuss about our liberties; we are also an industrious people. He had heard it suggested that the people of the west were trying to shrink from their responsibilities, and to devise some means to get rid of the national debt other than those specified in the nation's contract with its creditors.—This he did not believe, but was of the opinion that the people of the west as fully realized the obligations of the country as did those of the east, and desired the carrying out of all contracts and the honest and full discharge of all indebtedness. The speaker said that the hard times of the past few years had led everybody to study the money question as they had never done before. Formerly other questions had occupied the minds of the people, but now this is the all-absorbing one. What is this thing money, and how much of it does each man need, are questions which agitate the people, and especially in what form shall it circulate among the people. These questions are all difficult to decide, and a great variety of views are entertained in regard to them. One thing was certain, the American people woke up one morning to find that one of the standards of value (the American silver dollar) was missing from its list of monies. To tell how this coin was stricken from existence would require much time, but there were many of the American people who believed that it was fraudulently done and in a clandestine manner, and if it was not so done, why was it done at all. At all events the senator said he should vote for the remonetization of silver when the question should come before the United States senate. The speaker said that when the national debt was contracted everybody who loaned money to the government knew that gold and silver were legal tender and that they might be paid in either at the option of the government, and it would be no violation of the nation's faith or compromise of her honor to reinstate silver by making statutory provision for the coining of the American silver dollar.

Reference was made to the multitudes of men in the country who are out of employment and would be glad to work if they could get anything to do. The senator said that if the reinstatement of the silver dollar would have the tendency to inaugurate new enterprises and give employment to these men, why not have it? The relation of the poor to the rich was a delicate question, and one out of which great harm might come should strife between the two classes be inaugurated; the speaker said he deprecated all discussions tending to stir up ill feeling between them. And he thought capitalists should beware of doing anything that would abridge the rights of laboring men or interfere with the opening of avenues through which they may procure for themselves a comfortable and honorable subsistence. The American people, said the senator, despise anything like trickery in legislation and will resent it. Reference was made to the Dred Scott decision as being a sudden act of the supreme judicial authority of the country which shocked the moral sense of the people; and also to the repeal of the Missouri compromise as an act of hasty legislation which fell like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. The people were not less surprised when in 1873 they found their silver dollar had been stricken from existence, and as in the case alluded to, the resentment aroused among the people would not let up until slavery was abolished. So let the friends of the silver dollar demand a law for its recoinage until such law is passed by congress. The English capitalist wants gold as the only standard, and some Americans are anxious to imitate England in this regard. Germany and the Scandinavian states had already done so. But, said the speaker, England's money standard may not suit the American people any more than do her government and institutions. The speaker said that he was a friend to greenbacks and had been ever since their first issue, and thought they should take the place of national bank notes as fast as bank charters expired. He believed if they were the only paper currency of the country they would circulate in England inside of ten years. His policy would be to first pay the interest-bearing bonded debt, and then discharge the other debts of the government. The speaker expressed the belief that the silver bill would pass the senate. As the greenback bears no interest he was in favor of its continued circulation; there being $351,000,000 greenbacks in circulation they could not be paid at once except by issuing 4 per cent. bonds, and to this he was decidedly opposed. Indeed the speaker said he hoped to see greenbacks the money of the country.

At the conclusion of Senator Oglesby's speech, the committee on resolutions reported a lengthy series, which elicited a protracted discussion. Several changes were suggested, and the committee retired to incorporate the same into the resolutions which, as finally reported by the committee and adopted by the meeting, are as follows:

WHEREAS, The Congress of the U. S. under the articles of confederation in 1776, adopted the silver dollar as the unit of moneys; and

WHEREAS, Congress, under the constitution of 1792, enacted that "the money of the United States be in dollars or units, to be of the value of the Spanish milled dollar, as the same is now current," which was of the weight of 417 grains, and contained 371¼ grains of pure silver, and although by act of Congress passed in 1837, the weight of the silver dollar was reduced to 412½ grains, the reduction was in the amount of alloy and the intrinsic value of the dollar remained the same; and

WHEREAS, The silver dollar continued to be the monetary standard of value in this country, and was frequently the only metallic legal tender currency in use till the past five years, when its power as money was destroyed; therefore

Resolved, That the act of Congress of Feb. 12th, 1873, which dropped the full standard coins from the list of those authorized to be coined at the U. S. mints; and the further act of June, 1874, by which the silver coins were deprived of their legal tender powers in sums in excess of $5.00 in any one payment, and which virtually demonetized our silver coinage, have wrought such radical changes in our monetary systems, and which so virtually affect commercial interests of this country and the rights of the people, that their passage should be severely condemned, particularly so as these measures were covertly carried through Congress without any demand from the people, and without any discussion either from the rostrum or through the press.

Resolved, That we believe that the act of demonetization was conceived in iniquity and was brought forth by corruption and fraud. That not only the means of its passage but its general effect upon the business interests of the country and its trampling upon the sacred rights of the people, particularly the debtor class, constitute it a wicked, unjust and cruel measure. It began in iniquity and culminated in disaster. We therefore demand its immediate, full and unqualified repeal.

Resolved, That the persistence with which those interested in a single gold standard insist upon and prosecute this measure of demonetizing silver in the midst of unparalleled business prostration and financial distress and at the same time to endeavor to force resumption with the now single metallic standard shows a disregard for the general welfare deserving the severest rebuke.

Resolved, That bondholders have no legal or equitable right to demand payment otherwise than according to the express terms of the bond, and the laws under which they were issued. That when any one just means of payment is waived by the government either by resolution or by legislating out of existence one of the legal tender moneys of the country, it increases the burdens of the people by making payments more difficult, depreciates the securities of the government held by the capitalists and all payments to be made in coin and depresses the value of all the important products of the country. The effects of such legislation are so plainly in the interests of a privileged few and so disastrous to the interests of the people as to call for unmeasured censure.

Resolved, That we demand and call upon congress to insist upon the full and unqualified restoration of silver to its original place and power in the coinage and money of the country. That in case the president should veto the bill, that we ask congress to make every proper effort to secure its passage over the veto.

Resolved, That the act of congress declaring a forced resumption on the 1st of January, 1879, is against public policy and the interests of the masses of the people and the nation, which is attested by the wide-spread commercial disasters and the business of our courts of bankruptcy, and we demand its repeal.

Resolved, That the government should so honor its own issues of money, whether of paper or of coin, by receiving them for customs or other dues as to make them as nearly as possible of equal power in the transaction of business and subject to the slightest possible variation in value on account of premium or discount, and that the credit of the government can but be strengthened and preserved by its paying off its interest bearing debt before calling in any of its non-interest obligations for redemption.

MR. JUDAH. P. BENJAMIN, who was leading counsel in a case recently tried in London, began an argument, it is said emphatically with the adjuration: "In the name of Heaven—!" The master of the rolls instantly stopping him, saying very quietly: "I do not see that Heaven has much to do in this case, Mr. Benjamin; the proper appeal is to the Appellate Court."

DES MOINES, IA., Dec. 29.—The United States Land Office has been discontinued and the archives ordered removed. Less than 2,000 acres of Government land remain unsold in this State.

The attempt to force the State Grange Agency into bankruptcy has been compromised by giving a mortgage on all its effects, which will doubtless close up the concern.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 29.—Voluntary petitions in bankruptcy have been filed by the following persons: R. L. & W. A. Thompson, of Virginia, Cass Co., and C. R. Stewart and W. E. Shalton, of Cairo. The Stockholders' Committee of the Springfield Savings Bank has made a report, which shows liabilities of $169,562.82, and available resources of $160,403.02. There is no doubt that the deficit will be made good, as the stockholders are individually liable under the charter, and the assets have been scaled down to hard pan values.

TELEGRAPHIC.

POLITICAL.

Latest Whispers from Washington.

What the Democratic Senators will do.

BISHOP SEYMOUR'S LETTER.

A Clerk's Delicate Situation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The New York *Times* has received the following special cable dispatch from London: The war party in this country is momentarily increasing in influence and in numbers. The Russophites are constantly using their effort toward the organization of liberal associations, and are quite active in passing resolutions in favor of peace; but the arrogance of Russia toward the suffering Turks, and the extreme coldness displayed by Germany is extremely exasperating to the majority of Englishmen. The result is a determined increase of the war party, and the general expectation at this time is that we will be brought into a war with Russia early in the coming spring. Eighty thousand native troops and 20,000 English regulars have already been ordered to be in readiness to march at short notice from India for Egypt and Turkey. It is believed that 50,000 British troops at Batoum in alliance with the Turks, with money and arms to distribute, would raise a storm which would drive the Russians out of the trans-Caucasus, as well as out of Armenia. It is known that for some time great stores of provisions and munitions of war have been accumulating at Malta, from which point could easily be drawn the supplies needed for the support of an English army at Constantinople, or a fleet sent to bar the Dardanelles against Russian ships of war.—The recent appeal of the Porte to the great Powers under the treaty of Paris having failed because of the fact that Russia's demands turned out to be of a nature which Turkey thought best to reject, the Sultan has now asked England to act as a mediator between the two belligerents. Although from the first a part of our people have reviled the Turks, and another have inveighed against the Russians, our government has not committed itself by hostile words or acts against either, and it was thought at the Turkish capital that the terms of mediation proposed by England would be acceptable to Russia.—Accordingly a note was sent to the Czar a short time ago, couched in firm but respectful terms; but as yet no reply has been received to that important document. In the meantime, certain well-defined British interests, which have been touched upon by the war, will be declared by the Queen in her speech at the opening of Parliament.

She will explain the situation as clear as possible, and an ultimatum being necessary, Lord Beaconsfield will ask the sanction of Parliament to deal with the subject as the ministry may think consistent with the safety and honor of the country. It is believed there that a very large majority will vote with him in this view of the case. Meanwhile the opposition make considerable noise, but they really possess but little power. Theirs are but mere party moves, and little good will come to them pending the settlement of this Eastern question. As for England's strength, if she is forced into a war she is in a position to protect her interests and insist on peace in accordance with right and justice, against all the strength of Russia or of that of Russia supported by any other power.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—The Workingmen's Congress, in open session to-day expelled two members—Col. Savory and M. C. Grady—for joining the Republican party, and censured President Strasser, of the International Cigar-makers' Union, for suppressing a dispatch sympathizing with the New York cigar-makers' strike. The name of the organization was changed to the Socialistic Labor Party. The platform adopted declares the Workingman's Party necessary because other parties afford no relief; recommended the formation of trades' unions and labor organizations throughout the country; favors repealing all laws against labor organizations, conspiracy and strikes. A resolution was adopted against importing coolie labor.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., Dec. 29.—The clerk who sleeps in the clothing store of J. Kuhn, of this city, was awakened last night by hearing two burglars in the store disputing about the propriety of killing the clerk. One declared he would blow his brains out, while the other dissuaded him on the ground that it would make too big a stir in the town. They took the clerk's pantaloons and a few other things, all of which, they dropped in the back yard.

Notwithstanding the blowing and howling of the "Poor Man's Friend," the people of Decatur and vicinity are getting their eyes open to the fact that B. Stine, the Boss Clothier, carries the largest stock, only the best of goods, and sells them for less money than any man who claims to be "the poor man's friend."

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Nov 28 d1f The Boss Clothier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The *Evening Post* publishes the reply of Rev. Geo. F. Seymour to the official communication announcing his election to the Episcopate of the diocese of Springfield, Ill. The Rev. Mr. Seymour says: "The fact that the election was unanimous impresses me profoundly, and I cannot, dare not, decline hastily, and without deep searching of heart and patient waiting for Divine guidance, in response to earnest and continued prayer and help to be derived from the counsel of friends who are qualified to advise. I am not qualified to say no at once. I do not see any course for me to pursue but to await until the church at large, through her constituted authorities, has expressed her judgment, in which event I may be spared the anxiety and distress of deciding between the claims of my present position and the solemn call extended to me, as I believe, under the guidance of God and the Holy Ghost, from all the clergy and all the laity present, in the primary convention of the diocese of Springfield, to become the first bishop of the new jurisdiction. If the question comes really before me to determine, be assured that I shall meet it promptly, in the fear of God, and as beneath this bar of judgment, I shall do my best to reach a right conclusion, and immediately apprise you of the result."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is stated to-night by a prominent Democratic Senator that the reassembling of Congress will find every member of his party in thorough accord with the determination to support all nominations of the President, unless it can be plainly shown that the appointment would be prejudicial to the public service. He said that those Senators who had assisted Mr. Conkling in his former contest with the Administration were now fully aware that they had made a grave mistake; that there was now a full and complete understanding between Democratic Senators not to sustain Mr. Conkling nor any other Republican leader in any manner or shape against the president. Allusion was also made to a preparation of a resolution by Senator Cockrell, which would be in the shape of an amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the payment, in any shape, of rebel pensions or war claims and losses, with special prohibition of secession. This, it was stated, would set these vexed questions at rest forever.

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MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31, 1877.

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NEW YEAR'S CARDS.

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Go to the temperance meeting to-night.

THE carrier boys of the REPUBLICAN will make calls on their friends to-morrow with a neatly printed poetical address.

MEND your steps in passing from the old year to the new.

GRENADIERS' Ball to-night at Powers' Hall.

READ the new advertisement of G. M. Riddle on first page. dtf.

COAL men were looking cheerful this morning.

THE graveled streets of the city have stood the test of this long muddy time remarkably well.

Go and hear Hon. A. J. Bunn discuss the temperance question at the court-house to-night.

REMEMBER the entertainment by Miss Genevieve Rogers on Wednesday evening. Get seats early.

NEW YEAR CLOSING.—The Public Library and Reading Room will be closed to-morrow throughout the day.

MILITARY BALL.—This evening comes off the first annual ball of the Decatur Grenadiers, at Powers' Hall. Persons holding invitations are assured that the management will spare no pains in providing for the comfort and pleasure of all who may attend.

ACQUITTED.—The case of The People vs George P. Blume in which the latter was charged with an assault upon George W. Ward with a deadly weapon, was concluded before Justice Palmer to-day, and the defendant was fully and honorably acquitted, the evidence in the case showing no ground whatever for the prosecution.

Attention, I. O. G. T.—The members of Decatur Lodge, No. 301, I. O. G. T., are earnestly requested to be present at our next regular meeting, as there will be business of importance to transact.

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"Open House."—The time-honored practice of keeping "open house" on the first day of the new year, will be adhered to by J. T. Hubbard, No. 30 Merchant street, where may be found the finest array of popular perfumes and toilet goods ever brought to Decatur. 1d

Church Services.—There will be services to-night at the United Brethren Church, commencing at 10:30; preaching the first hour; prayer and praise meeting the second. Preaching at 10:30 to-morrow (Jan. 1st), also in the evening.

Y. M. C. A.—Attention, members of the Young Men's Christian Association!—A business meeting of the Association will be held in Room No. 1 of the First M. E. Church, on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 1, at 1 o'clock, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other important business will be transacted.—The attendance of every member is earnestly requested. As before stated, the devotional meetings for Tuesday and Thursday evenings will be omitted.

E. P. MOREHOUSE, Sec'y.

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

Mrs. L. Burrows and daughter, assisted by Mrs. J. Edward Bering and daughter, Miss Annie Gillett and Miss Eva Bunn, will receive their friends from 12 to 6.

Mrs. J. F. Roach, at No. 5 West Wood street, assisted by Mrs. William J. Quinlan, Mrs. O. B. Gorin, Mrs. B. O. McReynolds, Miss Louise Tuttle, Miss Katie Buchart and Miss Sophie Halleck, will receive from 1 to 7 P. M.

Mrs. F. N. Ewing, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. C. A. Ewing and Miss Belle Ewing, and their friends, Miss Ida Worrell, of Bloomington, Miss Jessie Gillett, of Elkhart, and the Misses Louie, Ida and Hattie Jones, of this city, will receive their friends, at the residence of Rev. F. N. Ewing on New Year's Day.

Miss Nannie Anderson will receive calls at her home on West William street, assisted by Mrs. R. K. Elliott, Mrs. Will Clo— and Miss Mollie Barnes.

Mrs. James Haworth will receive New Year's calls at her residence, corner of Eldorado and Jackson streets, after 2 o'clock P. M., assisted by Miss Jennie Fry, of Springfield, and Misses Lena and Lulu Henkle.

Misses Bowers, at home, with Mrs. O. H. McBride, 73 Franklin street.

Miss Maggie Mosser, assisted by Miss Minnie A. Parker, Miss Annie Chambers, and Miss Flora Usrey, at home from one o'clock until eight P. M.

Mrs. S. F. Greer, assisted by her daughters Mrs. W. R. Abbott and Mrs. F. B. Caldwell, also Miss Helen Wilder, of Randolph, N. Y., Miss Annie Rosette and Miss Jessie Morris, of Springfield, Ill., and Miss Bettie Ehrman, will receive their friends from 12 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Isaac Shellabarger will receive at her residence, corner of Franklin and William streets, assisted by her daughters, Misses Nellie and Fannie, and Miss Flora Race, Miss Dolly Millikin, and Mrs. Zizer, of Baltimore.

Mrs. H. C. Johns, Mrs. Sedgwick, Miss Carrie Taber, of Philadelphia, and Miss Nellie Johns will receive with Mrs. Cornelia Johns, at her residence on Eldorado street.

DECATUR'S PROGRESS IN 1877.

Street Improvements—New Buildings—Improvement of Old Ones—Her Manufacturing Establishments — Merchants and Other Business Men.

We are near the close of 1877. But a few hours intervene between this moment of time and the opening of a new year.—From this point every person of thought and reflection looks back over the twelve months which have made up the closing year and takes note of what he or she has done, and by comparing the present with this time a year ago, seeks to be informed as to whether what has been done has improved his condition or otherwise. As it is with persons, so should it be with communities; and it may be an interesting inquiry in regard to our city whether as a commonwealth its condition has improved socially, morally, and in what goes to make up material prosperity. The few lines which follow will be devoted to a sort of birds'-eye view of such marks of improvement and progress as the year about to close has furnished.

First, as to public improvements—perhaps we will find no more convenient starting point than the city park, formerly known as the New Square—it is true that the improvements upon these grounds commenced in 1876, but rested through the winter, to be completed in the spring of the present year. Whatever may have been thought or said as to the wisdom of this improvement, now that it is done everybody realizes that the park, in its improved condition, with its walks and fountain, is a great improvement upon the New Square, with its dilapidated fence and hitching racks. At present it attracts the eye of every stranger visiting our city, and speaks to them of thrift, enterprise, and an order-loving people.

Further in the line of public improvements may be noticed the work done on streets and sidewalks. As all are aware, a good deal has been done in the way of gravelling streets with a view to rendering them passable with loaded teams at all seasons of the year; and while this has not made the streets all that could be desired, it has greatly improved them, and so far gives satisfaction, that the work will probably be resumed with the opening of spring. In the business part of town quite an extent of brick and stone walk has been laid, which gives commercial houses, in front of which the walks are, a more substantial appearance.—Beyond the business limits the walks and crossings have been improved as they have seemed to need, and quite a considerable extent of new walk has been laid in some cases with plank, and in some localities gravel has been used.

Water mains have also been extended during the year, and improvements have been made upon the works near the river, to increase the water supply and further improve its quality.

Other things doubtless might be named in the line of public improvements, but those detailed above are among the most important.

While these improvements have been in progress under the direction of the city council, our citizens have not been dilatory in the matter of improving their buildings and grounds. Several store buildings have been thoroughly overhauled and improved in a manner to render them much more attractive than before, both externally and internally, as well as to render them more convenient for the business of their occupants. Indeed there are few, if any, towns of the size of Decatur which have business buildings more imposing in appearance, or more convenient for the purposes for which they are used. The comeliness of our store buildings is a matter of favorable comment on the part of persons who have an opportunity to compare our city with others in this regard.

In this connection it may be proper to speak of our merchants, and it is not saying too much for them to say that in the matter of probity, of enterprise and devotion to business, they are the peers of any equal number of merchants to be found in any town or city. In all branches of commercial business Decatur has men who carry very large and complete stocks of goods in their respective lines, and customers find themselves just as well accommodated as to variety and quality of goods as they could be in Chicago or St. Louis, so that the people of the county have no occasion to be at the trouble and expense of going abroad to furnish either their houses, their tables, or their wardrobes.

The several manufactories of the city have been too often spoken of in these columns, and their kind and extent are too well known to our readers to require separate mention, but yet it may be proper to say of them that, notwithstanding the dull times and the stringency in the money market, their wares have a reputation throughout the country which has created a demand for them that has during some parts of the year, taxed the machinery of the factories to its full capacity. These establishments are, we are happy to say, in the hands of men of enterprise and push, who know how to get out of their business all there is in it.

As one passes along the different streets of the city it is quite noticeable that in the march of improvement private residences and grounds have not been neglected. During the year several imposing and costly mansions have been erected upon grounds beautifully laid out and arranged in a manner which would render them ornaments even in large cities.—These dwellings have all been mentioned in these columns from time to time while in process of construction, and also at their completion. Some fine dwellings commenced the present year remain to be completed next spring. A large number of humbler dwellings have been built which are tasteful and convenient, and show on the part of their builders, thrift and industry. Private grounds have also been beautified by the planting of shrubbery, building of new fences, laying of boulevards, and in various other ways. Many dwellings have been enlarged and otherwise improved so as to render them attractive and pleasant—in fact, in whatever direction one walks something meets his eye that has been done since the opening of 1877.

But the subject should not be dismissed without reference being made to our churches and schools, which are equal, if not superior, to those of any town in the state of equal population. So far as the schools are concerned, it is the aim of those having them in charge to fully keep up with the times in modes of teaching, and thus to raise the standard of excellence each succeeding year, and the year just closing is no exception to preceding ones in this regard.

Taking everything into the account, then, we believe that the past year has witnessed real substantial prosperity in our city, and we think an increase of population, as well as of wealth, and we trust that our citizens will enter upon the new year with a purpose to make even a greater progress than has been realized in this or any previous year. People should be invited to settle here, new enterprises should be encouraged, and each particular citizen should do what he can to make the town a desirable place of residence, and then the course of our city will still be onward and upward.

THE THIRD OF THE SERIES.

An Immense Turn-out—Unbounded Enthusiasm—Excellent Address from Mrs. Fry—A Sockdologer from "Pat" Brennan—New Recruits.

On Saturday evening the court house was too small to accommodate the crowds that gathered at the temperance meeting. The seats all being taken at an early hour, persons considered themselves fortunate in getting a place to stand, and a large number occupied the standing room in rear of the seats throughout the entire evening.

The meeting was called to order by J. B. Winebrenner, president of the Reform Club, and was opened by singing. Rev. W. S. Crissey offered prayer.

A quartet, consisting of D. L. Bunn, Geo. F. Wessels, Mrs. W. C. Armstrong and Miss Lizzie Aloways, then sang the "Temperance Ship," in a manner that roused the greatest enthusiasm in the audience. At the conclusion of the singing Mrs. Fry, of Bloomington, was introduced by the chairman, who delivered an address which was characterized by marked ability and force. Mrs. Fry seems to be perfectly at home on the rostrum, and has a way of presenting her thoughts which sends them home to the hearer.—This address was well calculated to encourage the friends of the temperance movement, as well as to induce others to join the temperance army. Though Mrs. F. spoke at considerable length, she held the closest attention of her audience to the close.

At the conclusion of this address another spirited song stirred the hearts of the audience, and prepared them to appreciate the speech of Mr. Brennan, who was introduced at the conclusion of the singing.

The address of this gentleman was characteristic, being in a high degree humorous. "Pat" put his points clearly and gave them force by his witty sayings.

Upon being called out the chairman made some excellent remarks, which were well received by the audience.

Following this address some time was spent in singing, during which persons passed through the congregation soliciting signatures to the pledge, resulting in the addition of more than forty names.

It was then announced that another meeting would be held on Monday night, which would be addressed by Hon. A. B. Bunn. Mr. B. always has something interesting to say, and the announcement that he is to speak will insure a crowded house.

MONEY INVESTED

In town lots, at bed-rock prices, in a city of steady and healthy growth, can neither shrink in value, burn up or blow away; and savings deposited in this class of property will, sooner or later, give to the depositor a home, secure to himself, his wife and children, against the exactions of landlords and creditors in the day of adversity. I have desirable RESIDENCE lots in different parts of the city, among them some *twenty on South Water Street*, within three blocks of the center of business, and I am now throwing open for sale a considerable number of choice lots on *North Water street*, in the heart of the city, very convenient to business, which I will sell at such prices and on such terms of payment as will put a good lot within the reach of every thrifty citizen who may wish to own a home.

H. B. DURFEE,
At the office of Warren & Durfee.
Dec. 10 d6m

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer.

We are authorized to guarantee this remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Inactive Liver, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of Food, Yellow Skin, and General Langour and Debility. You must acknowledge that this would be ruinous unless we had positive evidence that it will cure. You who are suffering from these complaints, these words are addressed—and will continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms? It is for you to determine.—Sample bottle, 10 cents; regular size 75 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

—o—

50,000 die annually by neglecting a Cough, Cold or Croup, often leading to Consumption and the grave. Why will you neglect so important a matter when you can get at our store SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, with the assurance of a speedy recovery. For soreness across the chest and lungs or lame back or side, SHILOH'S POROUS PLASTER gives prompt relief. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

—o—

HACKMETACK, a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.
Dec 14 d&w6mos

Ladies' Muslin, Underwear and Merino. The only place you can buy such goods to your advantage is at M. GOLDBURG'S.
Dec. 14—d&wtf

Read Ashby's Notice done in Rhymes. Of Chistmas Goods to Suit 'Hard Times.'

All ye! who wish for Christmas Gifts,
And want them *cheap and nice*,
I'll tell you where's the very place,
If you'll take my advice!

At Ashby's store, on Water street,
Just four doors *north* of Brenneman!
You'll find all kinds of novelties,
To suit the taste of *any man!*

He has all kinds of Rocking Chairs,
Upholstered (fine or plain),
And some with perforated seats,
And some of polished cane!

There's Chairs to suit the children, too,
Of almost every kind;
Nice Slipper-Cases, Ottomans,
And Camp Stools, there you'll find!

Upholstered Foot-rests, all the go,
And Mirrors, bright and new;
And then the Hand-Adjusting Chair,
And Blacking Cases, too!—

Indeed, the assortment can't be beat
At any place in town;
And then, *to please* his customers,
His *prices* are all *down!*

So when you buy your Christmas Gifts!
I'll tell you *one thing sure:*
You cannot buy them *near so cheap*,
As round at *Ashby's Store!*

Be careful not to miss the place—
But one thing keep in sight:
Look out for Ashby's Elephant,
And then you'll know you're right.

R. ASHBY,
(Opera House Block.) DECATUR, ILL.
Dec. 11 d3m0 w3m0

All Wool Super Carpets at	70c.
Best all wool Supers	75
Extra Supers	85
Best Lowell Extra Supers	90
Good Tapestry Brussels	95
Extra good Tap. Brussels	$1.10
Best English Tap. Brussels	1.15
Good Body Brussels	1.35
Best " "	1.50

Oil cloths at reduced rates.
Dec 12-d&wtf] LINN & SCRUGGS.

If there are any ladies whose names are not on our Business Directory, we should be pleased to have them favor us with the same before the first of January.
Dec 18-d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

The $6.00 Suit at B. Stine's—an immense bargain. [nov 15 dtf

CHRISTMAS

The Boss Chinchilla Overcoat, at
Nov. 7 —dtf B. STINE'S.

It will be to your advantage to call and see HENRY SHEPHERD, before arranging with others to cut your pattern, or make your suits to *suit*. wtf

AT COST.

We will hereafter confine our business exclusively to millinery, and will sell our stock of notions now on hand *at cost.*
dec 6 d&w1m FALCONER & HOBB.

What shall I get for a Christmas present?—get a pair of nice slippers at Barber & Baker's. [Dec 3-d&wtf

Below Cost.—Toys, Dolls and Fancy Articles, for the holidays. I intend to sell below cost M. GOLDBURG.
Dec 12 d&wtf

CANDIES

Best New York Buckwheat Flour, 4c. per pound, at Shellabarger's Mills.
Dec. 18-d6

Home-made Stockings—the best article to be found, at M. GOLDBURG'S.
Dec. 14—d&wtf

For a Christmas present get a pair of those fine slippers, at Barber & Baker's.
Dec. 2-d&wtf

The Great Popularity of the "Old Dominion" Buck Gloves and Gauntlets has induced parties, both in Decatur and surrounding towns, to sell inferior gloves under this name. None are genuine unless stamped "Geo. Ott" on the inside, and to be had only of
Oct. 2—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

Chickering and Haines Pianos, at very low prices, at Locke's Music Parlors.
Nov. 5 dtf

AND SUGAR TOYS,

Newest Patterns of Smith's "ENGLISH" Tapestry Ingrains, $1 00 per yard, at
Dec 21-d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS'.

One Hundred fine all-wool Cassimere Pants just received—will be sold at the astonishing low figures of $3.50, at
Nov 16-dtf B. STINE'S.

Goldburg sells the best quality of Germantown Yarn, Berlin Zephyr, Canvas Slippers and Patterns; knit goods, such as Hoods and Saques, for children; Sea Foams for ladies in all colors, at lower prices than any other house.
Dec. 14—d&wtf

Old Pianos and Organs taken in exchange for new ones, at Goldstein's Music Store, Water street, Decatur, Ill.
Nov 17—

Children's Overcoats, cheap, at B. Stine's [nov7dtf

At WOOD'S.

Masquerade Ball.—A masquerade ball will be held by the Concordia Club, Jan. 16th, 1878. Tickets for sale by B. Stine, H. Mueller and I. W. Ehrman.
Dec 28-dtd

Just received, the latest
WINTER FASHIONS
at Linn & Scruggs'.
Dec. 1-d&wtf

100 fine All-Wool Beaver Overcoats, in blue, brown and black—an immense bargain—at B. STINE'S. [nov7dtf

Wanted.—Homes for six girls and two boys, ranging in age from four to eleven years. D. W. BRENNEMAN,
Dec13-d&wtf Supervisor.

Buckskin Cassimeres, the best and cheapest goods in the market for men and boys, at LINN & SCRUGGS.
Nov. 13—d&wtf

MORE PRIZES.

In addition to the prizes offered by Linn & Scruggs to those who furnish them with their names for their Business Directory, the salesmen of the House have each added a prize, consisting of the following articles: Brush and Comb, Marseilles Quilt, one dozen Napkins, one Ottoman, pair Satin Damask Towels, Nubia, one Turkish Toilet Mat, red and white table cover, one Scarlet Rug, one dozen Hose, Ladies' Satchel, set Applique Tidies, pair Linen Emb. Chair Tidies, one Brussels Rug, Knickerbocker Skirt.

The prizes thus generously given by the salesmen are very handsome and will lend additional interest to the *drawing*, which will take place at the court house, Jan. 1st, at 12:30 p. m.
d&wtd LINN & SCRUGGS.

A Better Overcoat at $4.75, at B. Stine's. [nov 15-dtf

Old Gold and Silver taken in exchange for New Goods, at A. F. Jenison's Jewelry Store, 13 East Main street.
Oct 23-dto Jan 1

Send Your Order to Chicago.

W. W. KIMBALL'S
PIANO WAREROOMS,
Corner State and Adams Streets.

LATEST
JULES BERR
ALBUM of MUSIC.
$1
BOUND IN CLOTH AND GOLD,
160 PAGES 10x14.
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL.

40 Pieces Newest Music
Including Wagner's Ring of the Nibelungen; the four latest Strauss Waltzes; 2d Rhapsodie Hongroise; La Petite Mariee; La Creole; Let Me Dream Again; Rose Marie; Flying Dutchman, and 22 other pieces by the best composed, all for $1. Dec24,26,29,31

The Steinway Piano!
The Geo. Steck & Co. Piano,
The Mathushek Piano,
The J. & C. Fisher Piano,
The Von Minden Piano,
THE MASON & HAMLIN
Cabinet Organ!
The Peloubet, Pelton & Co.'s
STANDARD ORGAN,
(with Charming "Campanella" Stop),
AND THE
NATIONAL ORGAN,
can be seen tried, compared and bought at the VERY LOWEST FIGURES, at
J. GOLDSTEIN'S
Music Store,
NO. 4 WATER ST.,
Dec. 22-dtf Decatur, Illinois.

FARMER'S
DINING HALL!
West Side of Old Square,
DECATUR, ILLS,
CHAS. DROHN, Proprietor.

This House, a first-class one, is prepared for travelers and day-boarders. The accommodation is the best, and No. 1. Rooms and Beds will be found.

Meals, 25 Cents.

Oct. 29, 1877—d&wtf

Petition for an Order to Sell Real Estate.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
Macon County, }

In the County Court, February Term, 1878.

James Durning, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Mahannah, deceased, petitioner, vs. Hannah Mahannah, Stephen Mahannah, Mariah Latham, Henry Latham (her husband), Harvey Mahannah, Jacob Mahannah, Henry Mahannah, Eli Mahannah and James W. Mahannah—Petition for an order to sell real estate.

AFFIDAVIT having been filed by James Durning, the petitioner above-named, in the office of the clerk of said court, showing that said defendants, Mariah Latham, and Henry Latham, her husband, Jacob Mahannah and Eli Mahannah are each non-residents of the State of Illinois, and that said Mariah Latham and Henry Latham are residents of Sedgwick City, Sedgwick county, Kansas; that Jacob Mahannah is a resident of Wichita, Sedgwick county, Kansas; that the residence of said Eli Mahannah is unknown to affiant, and upon diligent inquiry cannot be ascertained; notice is hereby given to the said Mariah Latham and Henry Latham, Jacob Mahannah and Eli Mahannah, that the said James Durning has filed his petition in said court, praying for an order to sell the following described real estate situate in Macon county, Illinois, to-wit: Thirty-two acres off of the south end of the west half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, in township sixteen north, range three east of the third principal meridian, to pay the debts and claims against the estate of said Benjamin Mahannah, deceased, and that summons in said cause will be returnable at the February term, A. D. 1878, of said court, to be holden at the Court House in Decatur, in said Macon county, on the third Monday in February, 1878.

Unless you, the said Mariah Latham, Henry Latham, Jacob Mahannah and Eli Mahannah, shall appear before said court on the first day of said term thereof and plead, answer or demur to the said petition, the allegations contained therein will be taken as confessed by you and an order entered in accordance with the prayer of said petition.

HENRY W. WAGGONER,
Clerk of the Macon County Court.
WEBB & MCKEE and J. W. SMITH, Solicitors for petition. Dec27-w4w

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A Large Stock of
BLANKETS,
All Grades of
FLANNELS,
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Good Body Brussels at $1.35,
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BUCKSKIN
CASSIMERES,
AND EVERYTHING CHEAP,
At the Popular Dry Goods House of
LINN & SCRUGGS
Dec. 1—d&wt DECATUR ILLINOIS.

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Exclusive Agent
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BURT'S
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LATEST STYLES NOW ON HAND.

NOW SELLING
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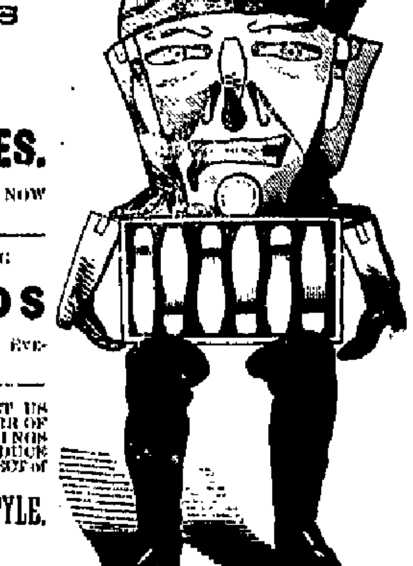
SATISFACTORY TO EVERYBODY.

COME AND LET US FIT YOU IN A PAIR OF UNDERSTANDINGS THAT WILL PRODUCE THE HAPPY EFFECT OF
COMFORT, STYLE,
AND
DURABILITY.
Dec. 19, 1877—dtf



OUR STOCK OF
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Now Complete.
"HARD-PAN"
PRICES.

They all go to
FERRISS'S
SHOE STORE
for entire satisfaction in foot-gear

L. L. FERRISS,
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AND
SHOEIST
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HAVE IN STOCK

BLACKING CASES,
DRESSING CASES FOR GENTLEMEN,
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POCKET-BOOKS..NEW STYLES,
INK STANDS,
MUSTACHE CUPS,
GIFT CUPS.

WILLOW WORK STANDS,
WORK BASKETS,
WRITING DESKS,
SHELL BOXES,
WORK BOXES,
GLASS BOXES.

HOBBY HORSES,
WAGONS,
CARTS,
SLEDS,
CHAIR ROCKERS.

The Choicest Assortment of
DOLLS!
We have ever shown for the least money.

J. H. LEWIS & CO.,
Opera House Block.
Dec. 20, 1877—dtf

MARKET REPORT.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 27, 1877.

GRAIN MARKET.

FLOUR—White Wheat selling per hundred lbs	$3.25
FLOUR—Red wheat selling per hundred lbs	3.00
CORN MEAL White selling	.70
" " Yellow "	.60
SHORTS—Per hundred, selling	1.00
CORN—Old shelled	.35@.40
CORN New	.30@.35
WHEAT—Selling	1.00@1.10

FARM PRODUCE.

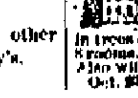
POTATOES Early Rose	.40
" Peachblow	.45@.50
BUTTER—Per lb	.18@.20
EGGS—Per dozen	.17@.20
LARD—Selling	12½
SIDE-BACON Selling	.10
HAMS—Selling	12½
CHICKENS—Per dozen	1.75@2.25
TURKEYS—Dressed	.8@.10
CABBAGE—Per dozen	.20@.30
CRANBERRIES—Selling	.15
NEW ONIONS—Per bushel	.50@.65
APPLES—Per bushel	.60@.80
TIMOTHY HAY Per ton	7.00
FAT CATTLE Per cwt.	3.50@4.00
HOGS—Per cwt.	3.75@4.00
WOOL—Fine, unwashed	.24@.25
" " washed	.32@.34
HIDES—Green	6½
" " damaged	½ price
" dry	8@12½
SHEEP PELTS—Apiece	50@75
TALLOW—Per pound	.06@6½

Never too Late.—If you have not bought a cloak for the winter, I can sell you a better cloak for less money than any other house. M. GOLDBURG.
Dec 14—d&wtf

Fine upholstered chairs, and all other kinds of Holiday presents, at Ashby's.
Dec. 8—d&w3w

For the Holidays!
GOLD AND SILVER
WATCHES!
Fine Gold Jewelry,
Solid Gold Rings,
Seal Rings and Charms,
Ladies' & Gent's Chains,
Solid Silver and Plated
Raceme Napkin Holders
Silver Napkin Rings,
All New Goods, and others opened daily, at
A. F. JENISON'S,
13 East Main St.
Dec. 5, 1877—d&w1m

FOR SALE.



In consequence of my removal from the city, I will sell cheap for cash my premises on Macon street, 111 feet front, nicely set in trees and shrubbery; house in good repair; 8 rooms, hall and cellar; barn and outhouses. Also will sell horse and buggy.
Oct. 23—dtf JNO. W. SMITH.

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EASTWARD

No 4 Through Express	[illegible]
2 Fast Line	[illegible]
6 Fast Mail	[illegible]

GOING EAST

No 1 Lightning Express	[illegible]
3 Atlantic Express	[illegible]
5 Accommodation	[illegible]

☞ The following Freight train will carry passengers with tickets

Going East	[illegible]
West	[illegible]
Going West	[illegible]

St Louis Division

EASTWARD

No 11 Through Express	[illegible]
13 Fast Line	[illegible]
15 Fast Mail	[illegible]

WESTWARD

No 12 Lightning Express	[illegible]
14 Atlantic Express	[illegible]
16 Accommodation	[illegible]
Accommodation	[illegible]

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I. B. & W. ROUTE

EASTWARD

STATIONS	No 1	No 5	No 3
I B & W R R			
Leave Decatur			[illegible] pm
Arr Montpelier			[illegible] pm
Lv Montpelier	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm
Arr Muncie	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm
A Indianapolis	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
Ar Indianapolis	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
WABASH R R			
Lv Decatur		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
Toledo		[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm
Ar Danville		[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Indianapolis	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Lafayette	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm
" Dayton	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Columbus	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" Zanesville	[illegible] am		[illegible] pm
" Wheeling	[illegible] am		[illegible] pm
" Washington	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm
" Baltimore	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am	[illegible] am
" Philadelphia		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" Harrisburg		[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Pittsburgh	[illegible] am	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" New York	[illegible] am	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Crestline		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" Cleveland		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" Buffalo		[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Boston		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm
" Toledo	[illegible] pm	[illegible] pm	[illegible] am
" Nashville		[illegible] am	[illegible] pm

Train No 6 will leave Decatur via Wabash Railway daily and run through to Indianapolis making all Eastern connections [illegible] unbroken except Sunday

Reclining Chair Sleeping Cars with Sleepers run on No 1 to Indianapolis

[illegible] R Wright Receiver
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For through tickets and further information address S M Morrison, Agent Decatur Ill

PEKIN, LINCOLN AND DECATUR R. R.

[illegible]

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR AND SPRINGFIELD R'Y.

Trains will depart from and arrive at Decatur daily except Sunday as follows

[illegible]

K Harwood Agent

TIME CARD FOR

STREET CARS

[illegible]

ILLINOIS MIDLAND R'Y.

On and after Monday Oct 1 1877 trains will leave and arrive as follows

[illegible]

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

I. V. B. CURTIS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

[illegible]

J. W. HAINES

DENTISTS,

[illegible]

FRANK W. HAINES

BILL POSTER,

[illegible]

J. L. MARTIN M D

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

[illegible]

Teacher of Dancing.

[illegible]

S. P. BRUMSTEAD M D

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

OCULIST AND AURIST

[illegible]

JOHN M. CLOKEY

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

[illegible]

D. WATKINS & CUNNINGHAM

DENTISTS,

[illegible]

A. ROBERTSON SMALL M D

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

[illegible]

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[illegible]

BROWN & TATE

Attorneys-at-Law,

[illegible]

P. BARKER M D

HOMEOPATHIST,

[illegible]

DRAYS WAITZ,

DENTIST

[illegible]

J. LEONARD

Teacher of Dancing.

[illegible]

T. S. HOSKINS

DENTIST,

[illegible]

HARVEY LASHO

Attorney at Law,

[illegible]

B. SCHERPE

Attorney-at-Law,

[illegible]

F. HOSTETLER

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

[illegible]

A. BROWER DUNN

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

[illegible]

I. V. BRINGHAM

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

[illegible]

H. P. PHILLIPS

Veterinary Surgeon

[illegible]

HENRY EBERT,

Cor of Prairie and Water Streets,

[illegible]

Assignee's Notice.

[illegible]

The Daily Republican.

MARRIAGE AT MIDNIGHT.

A bridal couple at Wheeling, Va came, like Nicodemus, at dead of night, to the house of a venerable minister and rang the door bell with tremendous violence His wife went down stairs in a costume consisting principally of shawl, and found a stripling of 20 and a gaunt creature of 40, and on learning what was their errand brought her husband down stairs "Well!" he exclaimed rather drowsily The bridegroom could not speak but motioned to his bride Mr Preacher, she said, nothing loth as I am the oldest I expect I'd better do the talking You see Charley here, has run put mother, and she don't use him right at all Now, I'm a widow and I want to take Charley home with me to night and take care of him Not that I want a husband he's too a dod fit for some one nearer my own age, but I just thought I would try and take care of Charley So we'd like to be married right away There was a hitch about the license, but in the end she promised to be more than a stepmother to Charley, and carried him home in triumph.—*New York Tribune*

LINN & SCRUGGS have the largest and best assortment of CARPETS in Decatur, but will not insult the *intelligence* of the people by setting up the *ridiculous* and FALSE pretense of "*Controlling the Lowest Patterns*," except so far as *unrestricted* access to the LARGEST and BEST Manufactories and Importers in the United States favor their taste and enterprise from whom they purchase their entire stock at the LOWEST PRICES offered to the trade, AND THIS ACCOUNTS for the great reduction in prices of CARPETS and OIL CLOTHS when they introduced these goods in Decatur Let it be borne in mind as well, that this department can be conducted by them with very little additional expense, which adds a further guarantee of LOW PRICES and fair dealing competition

Dec 17—d&wtf

IT IS A FACT

THAT

DERMAL

is delightfully perfumed, pleasant to use, and costs *only* 25 cents per bottle, and *will cure* chapped hands, lips and all chafing, redness roughness, or soreness of the skin, *at once* For sale by all druggists [Dec 6 dtf

CHILDREN cry for Dr Marshall's Lung Syrup, it is the most pleasant preparation for Coughs and colds known Price 25 cents a bottle Sold by all druggists

Dec 26 d&w1w

Have you been to the Farmers' Store, 87 North Church street, and looked over the stock of Groceries, Queens Glass Wood, Willow and Hard Ware that are to be exchanged for beef, pork, butter, lard, eggs, corn, oats, wool and green backs? E B PRATT

Oct 10 d&w1mo

Notwithstanding the blowing and howling of the "Poor Man's Friend" the people of Decatur and vicinity are getting their eyes open to the fact that B Stine, the Boss Clothier, carries the largest stock, only the best of goods and sells them for less money than any man who claims to be the poor man's friend

B STINE,
Nov 28 dtf The Boss Clothier

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

(though hard to get and slippery to hold,) is the ONE THING NEEDFUL Say friend have you got it If not you will find comfort and consolation by taking the Old Reliable Hannibal & St Joseph R R *en route* to the SAN JUAN MINES of Colorado and New Mexico, or to the BLACK HILLS Rich discoveries have recently been made in the above mining regions, showing that the DUST IS THERE and free to all for the taking The undersigned is prepared to furnish transportation for LARGE OR SMALL parties through to CENTER CITY or DEADWOOD either via Omaha or Denver, at the lowest possible rates — For the Black Hills buy tickets only to Cheyenne, and *fit out* for the mines from there For San Juan take ticket to Pueblo or El Moro

For further information apply to

J BECKWITH, Agent, Quincy, Ill
Or to T PENFIELD G P & T A
Hannibal Mo
Feb 28, 1877—dtf

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of MARY MINNIS, Deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Mary Minnis, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be holden at the court-house, in the city of Decatur, on the second Monday of February, A D 1878, being the first day of said term

Decatur, Ill, Dec 21, A D 1877

P N EWING, Administrator

Dec 28 d3w

Dissolution Notice.

THE partnership heretofore existing between W A Dennis and J L Morgan, under the firm name of DENNIS & MORGAN, is this day dissolved by mutual consent

W A DENNIS
J L MORGAN

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of two execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois in favor of Samuel McReynolds and Amanda M. Coleman and William G. Hightner I have levied upon the following described property to-wit The undivided one half interest in the part of lot No two (2) block No four (4) commencing at the northwest corner of said lot thence south seventy (70) feet, thence east twenty one (21) feet nine (9) inches thence north seventy (70) feet thence west twenty-one (21) feet nine (9) inches to the place beginning the same being in Allen, McReynolds & Coleman's Addition to the city of Decatur in Macon county Illinois Taken as property of the said William T Hanmer which I shall offer at public sale at the west door of the Court House in Decatur in Macon county in said state on the 26th day of January A D 1878, at the hour of two o'clock p m of said day for cash in hand to satisfy said execution

This 8th day of December A D 1877

M TORSMILLER
Sheriff Macon county Illinois

Dec 8 d4w

Master's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
Macon County }

Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit

Charles Arnold, John Williams and George N Black vs Charles W Allen Ann M Allen John Wright William Bodine and Frank E Delbridge Bill to close trust deed

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of a decretal order entered in the above entitled cause in said court at the May term A D 1877, John A Brown Master in Chancery for said county on

Saturday, the 26th day of January A D 1878,

at the hour of two o'clock p m of said day shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the west door of the Court House in Decatur in said county the following described premises situate in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit Lots nine (9) and ten (10) in block eight (8) in Prettyman Martin & Collins's Addition to Decatur together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging Said premises will be sold subject to redemption

Decatur Ill Dec 25, 1877

JOHN A BROWN
Master in Chancery for Macon county Ill
Rony & Orme Complainants Solicitors
Dec 26 d3w

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of the estate of Nancy M Latch, deceased

BY virtue of a decretal order of the county court of Macon county Illinois, entered of record on the 27th day of November, A D 1877 I will sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder on the 26th day of December, A D 1877, at the hour of one o'clock p m at the Water street entrance to the stairway leading to the counting room in the city of Decatur, Macon county Illinois, the following described real estate and premises of the said deceased, situated in Decatur Macon county Illinois to wit One-half of lot No nine (9) and all of lot No ten (10) in block No four (4) in Plant & Little's Addition to the city of Decatur, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, subject to a mortgage of about $300 00

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Dated this 27th day of November, A D 1877

GEORGE H LATCH
Administrator of the estate of Nancy M Latch deceased
H C ABBOTT Attorney nov 8 4w

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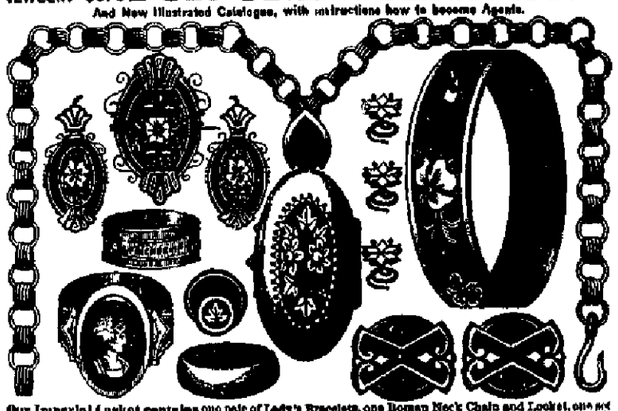

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Estate of JAMES H NEWELL, Deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Jane W Newell, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the County Court of Macon county to be holden at the Court House, in the city of Decatur on the third Monday of January, A D 1878 being the first day of said term

Decatur Ill December 8th A D 1877

RICHARD A NEWELL, Administrator

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Trustee's Sale.

WHEREAS, Samuel D Smith and Mary A Smith did, on the 26th day of October A D 1876, convey to William L Hammer Trustee, the real estate hereinafter described which deed of trust is recorded in the Recorder's office of Macon county, in book No. 35, page 446, and was made to secure the payment of the promissory note of said Samuel D Smith, bearing even date therewith, payable to Martin P Murphy or order, for the sum of six hundred dollars and the one year after date with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum after maturity until paid,

And whereas, it is provided in said deed of trust that, if default be made in the payment of the principal of said note, or in the payment of the interest thereon on the day or days when or on which said principal or interest shall become due, it shall and may be lawful for said trustee, on application of the legal holder of said note, after publishing notice thereof in some newspaper published in the city of Decatur in said Macon county, for twenty days, to sell said premises at auction, at the place herein mentioned to the highest bidder for cash and to convey and deliver to the purchaser a deed for the premises sold

And whereas default has been made in payment of the principal and part of the interest of said note and the legal holder of said note having requested said trustee to advertise and sell said premises under the power contained in said deed of trust, now, therefore notice is hereby given, that on

Wednesday, the 9th day of January, A. D 1878,

at 10 o'clock a m at the door of the court House, in the city of Decatur, Illinois, the undersigned trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit

The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-five (25), in township number sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the third principal meridian, and all homestead and dower right and right and equity of redemption of said Samuel D Smith and Mary A Smith therein to pay said note and the interest thereon and the costs of this sale, as by said deed of trust is provided

WILLIAM L HAMMER, Trustee

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